CLAIM SET AS AMENDED:

1. (Currently Amended) A component parts box for a vehicle containing a plurality of component parts comprising:

~~a pair of mounting plates for mounting the component parts box onto the vehicle in an inclined positioned;~~

a ~~plurality of substrates, said plurality of substrates~~ substrate having at least a first row, a second row, and a third row, each of the rows having lengths extending laterally across the vehicle, the second row being arranged ~~in line~~ in a stepped down manner from the first row, and the third row being arranged in a stepped down manner from the second row ~~and being disposed between the pair of mounting plates~~; ~~and~~

a plurality of component parts being arranged in a line on each of the stepped rows of the ~~substrates~~ substrate wherein connecting terminals of the component parts face the associated ~~substrate~~ row; and

a mounting plate disposed adjacent to each end of the first row of the substrate for mounting the component parts box onto the vehicle in an inclined position.

2. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the component parts are each provided with a plurality of connecting terminals, the connecting terminals being connected to the associated ~~substrate~~ row.

3. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, ~~wherein three substrates are positioned within said components parts box, a first substrate being arranged is a first predetermined position, a second substrate disposed adjacent to said first substrate and being displaced relative to said first substrate, and a third substrate being disposed adjacent to said second substrate and being displaced relative to said second substrate~~

each of the mounting plates being disposed at an inclined angle relative to the first row and being mounted on a substantially horizontal portion of the vehicle,

thereby mounting the component parts box onto the vehicle in the inclined position.

4. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of components are relays, said relays being arranged in a line and being mounted on each of the ~~substrates~~ rows.

5. (Original) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said component parts box includes at least one inclined surface with said ~~plurality of substrates being~~ the first row, the second row, and the third row are disposed in said stepped manner along an inner surface of said inclined surface.

6. (Currently Amended) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, and further including conductors connected to each of said ~~substrates~~ rows, each of said

conductors being disposed on a plane that is stepped relative to the conductors on the adjacent ~~substrates~~ row for reducing the area required for connecting said ~~substrates~~ rows to an electrical system of the vehicle.

7. (Currently Amended) A component parts box for a vehicle containing a plurality of component parts comprising:

a housing, said housing including

an upper surface and a lower surface,

an inclined connecting surface for securing a first end of said upper surface to a first end said lower surface, and

a stepped connecting wall for securing a second end of said upper surface to a second end of said lower surface, the stepped connecting wall joining the upper surface and the lower surface of the housing at angles that are substantially perpendicular;

a plurality of substrates, said plurality of substrates being disposed in a stepped arrangement along said stepped connecting wall in a stepped manner; and

a plurality of component parts being arranged in a line on each of the substrates.

8. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein the component parts are each provided with a plurality of connecting terminals, the connecting terminals being connected to the associated substrate.

9. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein three substrates are positioned within said components parts box, a first substrate being arranged is a first predetermined position, a second substrate disposed adjacent to said first substrate and being displaced relative to said first substrate, and a third substrate being disposed adjacent to said second substrate and being displaced relative to said second substrate.

10. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of components are relays, said relays being arranged in a line and being mounted on each of the substrates.

11. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein with said plurality of substrates being disposed in said stepped manner along an inner surface of said inclined surface.

12. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, and further including conductors connected to each of said substrates, each of said conductors being disposed on a plane that is stepped relative to the conductors on the adjacent substrates for reducing the area required for connecting said substrates to an electrical system of the vehicle.

13. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 1, further including hooks at longitudinal ends of each of the substrates for engaging with the component parts box.

14. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, further including hooks at longitudinal ends of each of the substrates for engaging with the component parts box.

15. (Previously Presented) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 7, further including a pair of mounting plates for mounting the component parts box onto a fender of the vehicle.

16. (New) A component parts box for a vehicle, comprising:

a plurality of component parts, the component parts being arranged in a stepped manner,

wherein connecting terminals are provided on one side of each of the component parts, and

wherein conductors are connected to the terminals, the conductors being led out of terminals in substantially a straight manner, and in a forwardly and downwardly slanted direction with respect to an upright direction.

17. (New) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 16, further comprising:

an inclined connecting surface on an upper side of the component parts box; and

stepped lower surfaces on a lower side of the component parts box,

wherein the conductors are led out from the lower surfaces of the component parts box.

18. (New) The component parts box for a vehicle according to claim 17,

wherein the conductors are led out from the lower surfaces of the component parts box and extend along a rear fender of the vehicle.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Two sheets of revised formal drawings (Figures 3 and 4) are attached in order to properly designate lower surface 36c.